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Editor.
The EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent circulation in Washington three times larger than that of any other paper in the city. As a local NEWS paper and Advertising Medium it has no competitor.

While blatant demagogues weary the ears of rational beings with appeals to the god of war to appear in all his might and bring about the destruction of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland the government of that nation is making active preparation for a suitable display of its people's products at the World's Columbian exposition; rather an extraordinary proceeding if the relations between this country and the realm of Her Majesty Queen Victoria are as badly strained as a few individuals would have us believe. From a careful statement recently made by Sir Henry Truman Wood, secretary of the British commission, it is seen that the English government has invested \$300,000 in its exhibit. This amount is less than a third of the total sum which will be spent upon the British section of the great display, for there are to be about 300 exhibitors who will average fully \$1,000 each, thus bringing the total up to at least \$1,100,000. This expenditure does not include the sums which will be spent by the colonies, which Canada, Australia and India will be the more prominent. The space occupied by the mother country and the colonies is to be more than 500,000 square feet, and the royal commission is estimated that every inch of it will be utilized and beautified. From present indications it would seem as though the strong feature of Britain's exhibit will be found in the building devoted to the fine arts. Sir Frederick Leighton, president of the Royal Academy, is superintending the selection, and is doing his utmost to have every living English artist and sculptor of renown represented by at least one production. And the collection will be more than ordinarily interesting because it comes from private galleries, the regulations of the national collections forbidding contributions to outside exhibitions. The countless Americans who have visited Europe are familiar with the works of art there displayed, and so, to a lesser extent, is the reading but stay-at-home public, but the many magnificent specimens of artistic genius produced by individual artists are to be generally visible for the first time at Chicago. In the lines of manufactures, transportation, agriculture and machinery the "old country" will be fully represented, the only weakness now apprehended being in machinery and textile fabrics—lines of British industry affected seriously by the tariff. But there will be locomotives and carriages sufficient for comparative purposes, while the display of bicycles and tricycles is to eclipse, if possible, the best that American manufacturers are doing. English women are not going to be outdone, for an energetic committee, headed by the Princess Christian, is preparing an exhibit that promises to be especially interesting. Whatever is being done by our transatlantic cousins is being well done. Perhaps they imagine their products superior to ours, but they are willing to compete and should be heartily welcomed. The ties that bind together the greatest of monarchies and the greatest of republics should be strengthened and not shaken.

Inquiries as to the identity of Mr. Hoke Smith, who is to be President Cleveland's Secretary of the Interior, continue to be prompted, it would seem, by a desire to be excited rather than inquisitive. The fact that Mr. Smith has not heretofore been a public character does not necessarily prove unfitness for high office nor is there any reason for believing that Mr. Cleveland's good sense is at fault in a matter of such importance. That Mr. Smith is really very much of a man is evidenced by the praise which is being showered on him at home. He is a prophet honored in his own country and honored by men who have no favor to ask of him. The Atlanta Evening Herald, a rival of the paper conducted by Mr. Smith, says of him:

"The young Georgian who goes into the cabinet of the President in the prime and vigor of life. He comes with a brainy brain, a mind of remarkable strength and breadth. In his accomplishments which go to make a man great he stands beside the foremost. In the energy with which he pursues his broad mapped purposes, he is towering and resolute. Personally, he is one of the most delightful of men."

Give the young men a chance.

All probabilities of legislation compelling government clerks to remain in their offices for an hour longer each day than they are now required to remain are rapidly fading away. The House propositions—both as to the hour of toll and the annual leave of absence—appeared with meteoric suddenness, were discussed with uncommon haste, and thoughtless disposed of as a matter of no real importance. But things were different in the Senate. The more experienced legislators at the northern end of the Capitol were not so easily deceived by the suddenness of the propositions. They were likely to permit a great wrong to be done that a few "statesmen" in the House may exalt themselves before constituents who are absolutely ignorant of the conditions which surround service in the departments.

The regret felt by the employees in the District building at the severance of the intimate and pleasant relations which have existed between them and Mr. Douglas, the retiring Commissioner, will be shared by many citizens of the District, who have come to know and appreciate Mr. Douglas both as a man and as an official. The retiring Commissioner, his bright and affable after-dinner speech at Washington's representative, and his good connection with the regulation of the liquor traffic, will always be pleasantly remembered by the people of the capital city.

With reference to his cabinet Mr. Cleveland evidently proposes to be the first to say "I told you so" if it is possible.

The rhythmic admissions about letting dogs delight to bark and bite, but never little children, should be adapted to apply to politicians and printed in tract form and distributed in Kansas.

A duel in West Virginia resulted in the death of both participants. This piece of news should be printed in the newspapers of France as a solemn warning to those who think that dueling is not dangerous.

The ground hog was the man who said the backbone of winter was broken and did well to establish mutual arrangements for defense against the indignation of an outraged punier.

Once more it is the Star's painful duty to direct public attention to the treachery of the Congressional Record, especially when the news which it is supposed to collect and publish is of more than mere ephemeral importance. Yesterday afternoon the House of Representatives was engaged in discussing the pension appropriation bill and during the progress of an interesting debate language was used which resulted in serious damage to the nose which on ordinary occasions is proudly borne aloft by Representative Dan Wang, who was sent to Congress by 20,735 republicans votes, cast in the fifth Indiana district. The pugilist who tapped the nose was Representative Louis W. Turpin, born in Virginia, but holding his seat in the House by the grace of 9,390 votes contributed by democrats who reside in the fourth Alabama district. Unprejudiced observers of the conflict say it was preceded by Mr. Wang's remarking to Mr. Turpin that he would believe him on oath—a somewhat discourteous announcement and calculated to provoke a breach of the peace.

Consistency seems to have been knocked completely out of joint by the populace who are now engaged in denigrating the reputation of their opponents are making the ordinarily pleasant little city of Topeka, unit for the habitation of law-abiding people. From the beginning the people's party has been condemned the militia system which was so carefully planned by the fathers of the republic and which is rapidly reaching a high plane of efficiency in many portions of the country, yet when the Kansas House of Representatives divided and became the arena of the popular error called upon the state militia to uphold the legislative hall. The fact that he had no right to call the troops out—in the absence of a request by the sheriff for such action—cuts no figure in the argument; it is enough that he asked help of those whose existence in a military sense his party had declared to be unnecessary.

Just why Congress should legislate to keep Charley Mitchell out of the country and yet permit bare-knuckle contests in the hall of the House of Representatives is one of those things no fellow can understand.

Kansas politics may give rise to a new dramatic school to be called far-tragedy.

Congress may gaze on the Kansas legislature and give the same kind of thanks that the Pharaoh did concerning his neighbor.

A good deal of excitement might be saved if Hawaii and Kansas could be made to trade places on the map.

It is earnestly hoped that the weather is not going into training for a Fourth of March thaw.

They had a Kansas of a time in the House yesterday.

SHOOTING STARS.

The elaborate preliminary arrangements for prize fights make it clear that financial conditions are more important than physical conditions.

A figure of speech—the lecturer's compensation.

Since the departure of St. Valentine the postman finds his burden greatly reduced in weight.

There is something wrong with a state of affairs under which whenever the mercury starts for zero the price of coal sets out for ninety in the shade.

Oh, Spring is a very fickle mis!

As coming we behold her.

One day she sings a sunny kiss.

Then turns us the cold shoulder.

"Ah," he said delightedly, "I see you have my latest book of poems with you."

"Yes," she replied, "I keep it here."

"You see," she went on, "the color of the cover harmonizes so beautifully with the furnishings of the room!"

A POLITICAL LAMENT.

Oh, what is the use
Of a rise in your station,
With a pound of abuse
To an ounce of evasion?

"I have a grate future before me," said the grocer who was purchasing nutmegs.

"I came pretty near losing my life yesterday," said Willie Washington. "Cable-car almost ran over me."

"That was dreadful."

"But what the griffin said was worse. I told him I didn't bash him with the bell, and he said he didn't wonder at it; if he was expected to throw the bell around this suit of clothes he'd throw up his position."

Journalistic Accuracy Demanded.

The Capital, which published a learned editorial last week about the visit of Gen. Booth, who wrote "In Darkest England," to Topeka, when it was only Ballington Booth, has quite a fit this morning about the Journal's statement about the per cent of sugar in beets. After having made such a stupid blunder it ought to hide its head in shame for about a month. The worst of it is, the Capital didn't inform its readers of its bad break, as it should have done the next day. We have spared the poor old Capital several times for the sake of the profession, but it doesn't seem worth while. A few weeks ago when Mr. Bittinger was fatally burned by falling bars, describing it as the burning of Mrs. J. W. Gordon, a lady who wasn't anywhere near the fire. We neglected to notice these sickening mistakes out of pity for the kindergarten local department of that paper, but we see mercy is throwaway. The Capital outfit don't know when to let well enough alone.—Topeka State Journal.

Concentric Microbes.

In assigning the causes of death men of old looked to angry deities, but we have turned from the infinite to the infinitesimal and found the little microbes more implacable than the gods. One thing alone will stay this marauder. It is a barbed net of stone or steel, but of hope to resist the microbe's ten million assaults an hour. Build up the tissues of your flesh by fresh air, good food and regular exercise, and you need in general have little fear. The moment this defense is weakened the microbe will enter a myriad strong, and death will be your portion, although you are opposed to the Sunday theater and have had no hand in bringing this baneful administration into power.—Minneapolis Times.

The Much-Abused Frankenstein.

If the army of mangled broken men could be mustered and marched on Washington Congress would not be long in providing some general law protecting the lives of this much-abused class.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Cheating Uncle Sam.

It is said that there is a large demand for cancelled postage stamps and that the business of cleaning them with chemicals and selling them as new stamps is rapidly growing. No canceling ink has yet been discovered which will prevent the government from being cheated in this respect.—Omaha Bee.

An Enormous Waste.

As one after another Cabinet selection is announced, the fact is emphasized that a large amount of government work is being done in the half of men who never had the least chance of being appointed.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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